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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4010 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires each member of a corporate controlled group to submit identifying, financial, and actuarial information to the PBGC in certain circumstances. Reporting is required (1) if the aggregate unfunded vested benefits of all defined benefit pension plans maintained by the controlled group exceed \$50 million, (2) if the controlled group maintains any plan with missed contributions (unless paid within a ten-day grace period), or (3) if the controlled group maintains any plan with funding waivers in excess of \$1 million and any portion is still outstanding (taking into account certain credit balances in the funding standard account). The PBGC's regulation on Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting (29 CFR Part 4010) implements section 4010.

The regulation requires the controlled group to file certain identifying information, certain financial information, each plan's actuarial valuation report, certain participant information, and a determination of the amount of each plan's benefit liabilities. The information submitted under the regulation allows the PBGC (1) to detect and monitor financial problems with the contributing sponsors that maintain severely underfunded pension plans and their controlled group members and (2) to respond quickly when it learns that a controlled group with severely underfunded pension plans intends to engage in a transaction that may significantly reduce the assets available to pay plan liabilities.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0049 through December 31, 1998. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC estimates that an average of 60 controlled groups per year respond to this collection of information. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 9.2 hours and \$7,500 per

controlled group, for a total burden of 552 hours and \$450,000.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of Data Collection Forms

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an information collection. The Establishment Information Form, the Wage Data Collection Form, and the Wage Data Collection Continuation Form are wage survey forms developed by OPM for use by the Department of Defense to establish prevailing wage rates for Federal Wage System employees. The Department of Defense contacts approximately 21,200 businesses annually to determine the level of wages paid by private enterprise establishments for representative jobs common to both private industry and the Federal Government. Each survey collection requires 1-4 hours of respondent burden, resulting in a total yearly burden of approximately 75,800 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;
- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and
- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents through use of technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or send an email message to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal must be received on or before January 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver written comments to—Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Administration, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415.

### FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:** Mark A. Allen, Salary and Wage Systems Division, Office of Compensation Administration, (202) 606-2848.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on October 8 1998, 1998 (63 FR 54163). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between September 1, 1998, and September 30, 1998, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during September 1998.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during September 1998.